# GIBRALTAR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
# GFA FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULES 2025-2026

## SCOPE OF GFA FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. **General Provisions**

1.1 The GFL (the "GFL") is made up of one single division consisting of the Clubs listed in Schedule 6 of this GFA Handbook.

1.2 The organisation, management and operations of the GFL shall be the responsibility of the GFA.

1.3 Clubs (inclusive of all Players, Club Officials and Club Personnel) must comply and shall be bound by these GFL Rules.

1.4 The GFA shall have the power and authority to amend these GFL Rules from time to time.

1.5 The GFA shall exclusively retain the power to approve and implement such ancillary rules and policies, together with clarifying matters of ambiguity concerning the GFL or any other additional aspects which may affect the GFL.

1.6 The GFA shall exclusively retain all entitlement and authority to use, assign, sell or otherwise take advantage of all marketing, commercial broadcasting and audio visual rights associated with the GFL, inclusive of pursuing such commercial opportunities and/or agreements and partnerships which may be in the best interests of the GFL. The GFA will consult with Clubs in relation to such matters.

2. **Laws of the Game**

2.1 All Matches in the GFL will be played in conformity with the Laws of the Game promogulated by the IFAB as the same may be amended from time to time.

3. **Club Participation in the GFL**

3.1 A Club shall only be eligible to participate in the GFL if the Club has complied with all requirements of the GFA Domestic Club Licensing Regulations, and continues to comply with the requirements set out in those regulations during the entirety of the football season.

3.2 A Club shall only be eligible to register one Team to participate in the GFL, and comply at all times with the squad quotas set out in Schedule 7.

3.3 A Club may only acquire and transfer Players in accordance with the Status and Transfer Regulations contained in this GFA Handbook.

3.4 All Clubs must register their team for the GFL by the registration deadline set forth annually by the GFA (the "Registration Deadline") and communicated to all Clubs by email. Failure to register by the Registration Deadline will result in the team being ineligible to participate in the GFL for that season.

3.5 A Club shall be ineligible to participate in the GFL if it has been definitively sanctioned by a disciplinary body of the GFA or a national court for any activity aimed at arranging or influencing the outcome of a match or competition. The ineligibility shall apply for a period determined by the relevant disciplinary decision or court ruling, subject to any appeals process. The GFA reserves the right to conduct integrity checks and request necessary documentation from clubs to verify compliance with this rule. Any club found to have provided false, misleading, or incomplete information in relation to its eligibility under this rule may face additional disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion from the competition.

## 4. Player Registration for the GFL

4.1 Players must be registered in accordance with all applicable GFA Statutes and the Status and Transfer Regulations before being eligible to be registered to form part of a Team registered by a Club to compete in the GFL.

4.2 A Player shall only be eligible to register and apply to play in the GFL if he is the age of sixteen years or over. Players under the age of eighteen must provide their Club and the GFA with written parental and/or guardian consent in order to play.

4.3 During any point in any given season, the minimum number of Players that may be registered in a Team is 17, and the maximum number of Players shall be 25.

4.4 If at any time during the football season, a Club does not have the prescribed minimum number of Players registered, the Club shall be automatically removed from the GFL and the GFA shall notify the Club of this in writing.

4.5 Irrespective of whether a Team consists of 17 or 25 registered Players, a minimum of two Players must be registered as goalkeepers.

4.6 A Club must ensure that the Team has a minimum of 3 registered Gibraltar Eligible Players at all times.

4.7 A Club must ensure that any Team registered does not have more than 4 Third Country Players. In total, there should not be more than 4 Third Country Players registered by a Club to form part of the Team competing in the GFL and the GFA Intermediate League. If a Third Country Player is registered as a Player of a Team competing in the GFA Intermediate League, that Player cannot form part of the Team competing in the GFL, and may only be eligible to play in accordance with the Feeder Player Rule set out in the Intermediate League Rules.

4.8 The possible combinations of the types of Players that enable a Club to comply with the foregoing requirements are set out in Schedule 7.

4.9 Gibraltar Eligible Players registered in the GFA Intermediate League shall not form part of the squad quotas set out in Schedule 7.

## 5. Transfers & Registration Window

5.1 There will be two transfer windows in each GFL season, namely:

(a) the Summer Transfer Window; and

(b) the Winter Transfer Window.

5.2 During each Transfer Window, Clubs shall be permitted to register and transfer Players in accordance with all applicable GFA Statutes, including the Status and Transfer Regulations.

5.3 Players may be registered with a maximum of three Clubs during one football season. During this period, a Player is only eligible to play in League Matches for a maximum of two Clubs in one football season.

## 6. Commencement and Conclusion of GFL

6.1 The GFL shall commence on 15 August 2025 and shall conclude by no later than May 2025.

6.2 GFL Match fixtures shall be circulated by the GFA to Clubs by no later than August 2025.

## 7. Format and Structure of GFL

7.1 The GFL shall consist of three (3) rounds.

7.2 In the first round, all Teams shall play each other once.

7.3 In the second round, all Teams shall play each other once.

7.4 Upon completion of the second round, only the top six (6) teams will form the Championship Group and compete in a final third round. The Championship Group Round shall therefore consist of one round in which only these top six (6) Teams play each other once.

7.5 For the avoidance of doubt, upon completion of the second round the bottom six (6) Teams' participation in the GFL will conclude.

## 8. Scoring System and League Table

8.1 The winner of a League Match shall be awarded three points.

8.2 To the extent that a League Match concludes in a draw, each Team shall be awarded one point.

8.3 No points shall be awarded to the losing team of a League Match.

8.4 In the event of a Team resigning it's membership from the GFA or being expelled from participating in the GFL during the active football season, all points acquired and goals scored and/or conceded by the other Team against the expelled Team will be removed.

8.5 The results of the League Matches shall be recorded by the GFA as follows:

(a) in the first and second round, a league table shall comprise the following information in respect of each Team, namely:

(i) the number of League Matches played in the GFL;

(ii) the number of League Matches won, drawn and/or lost as a home team in the GFL;

(iii) the number of League Matches won, drawn and/or lost as an away team in the GFL;

(iv) the number of goals scored and conceded by each Team in League Matches of the GFL;

(v) the number of points earned by each Team during the GFL;

(b) in the third round, one league table comprising the following information in respect of each Team, namely:

(i) the Championship Group, containing the six best ranked Teams, in the same position, and with the same points and statistics accumulated during said first and second rounds.

8.6 The ranking of Teams in the table shall be determined by the aggregate number of points awarded during the course of the GFL, with the Team having tallied the highest number of points being ranked first, and the Team having tallied the lowest number of points being ranked last.

8.7 If any two or more Teams have accumulated an equal number of points, the requisite tie-breaker will be decided by determining which of the Teams had the best head-to-head record. This means that their ranking will be determined by the aggregate number of points accumulated by each Team in all League Matches played against each other. The highest ranking Team shall be the Team with the highest amount of points.

8.8 If any two or more Teams have accumulated an equal number of points, and have further accumulated an equal amount of points in their respective head-to-head records, the requisite tie-breaker will be decided by determining which of Teams had the best goal difference between each of them. This means that their ranking will be determined by the difference between the aggregate amount of goals scored and

conceded by each Team in all League Matches played against each other. The highest ranking Team shall be the Team with the highest positive goal difference.

8.9 When determining Teams' goal differences in accordance with regulation 8.8 above, if there are three or more Teams in consideration, and more than one of those Teams have an identical head-to-head goal difference, their ranking in the GFL table will be determined on a head-to-head goal difference basis until either:

(a) the Team with the highest positive goal difference can be determined; or

(b) there are only two Teams remaining for consideration with an identical head-to-head goal difference, in which case their ranking will be determined in accordance with regulation 8.10.

8.10 If notwithstanding any of the foregoing tie-breakers in regulations 8.6, 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9, two or more Teams' records remain equal, the Teams' rankings in the GFL table will be determined in accordance with the scales of fair play, and by reference and consideration to the aggregate amount of Cautions, Dismissals and suspensions received by each Team over all League Matches, namely:

(a) deduction of 1 point for each Caution (comprising of 1 yellow card) received over the course of all League Matches;

(b) deduction of 2 points for each Dismissal (comprising of 2 yellow cards, and 1 red card) received over the course of all League Matches;

(c) deduction of 3 points for each Dismissal (comprising of 1 direct red card) receive over the course of all League Matches; and

(d) deduction of 4 points for any Dismissal (comprising of either: (i) 2 yellow cards, and 1 red card; (ii) a direct red card; or (iii) a form of suspension) received by a Club Manager over the course of all League Matches.

8.11 If notwithstanding any of the foregoing tie-breakers in regulations 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9 and 8.10, two or more Teams' records remain equal, all applicable Teams shall compete for the highest ranking in a separate round-robin tournament (in the case of more than two Teams), or in an additional Match (in the case of two Teams), the particulars and details of which shall be determined by the GFA.

## 9. GFL Championship

9.1 The Team which ranks first in the Championship Group table at the end of the GFL shall be crowned the GFL Champions, and as such, shall receive a trophy from the GFA, but which shall be returned in the same order and condition as received by no later than three weeks prior to the final League Match of the following football season.

9.2 Any damage sustained by the trophies presented by the GFA to the GFL Champions will need to be paid and remedied by the Team responsible for causing said damage. Any failure or omission to remedy any damage to said trophies will result in the GFA

automatically deducting any amounts payable for the damage from any funds payable to the applicable Team by the GFA.

9.3 The GFL Champions shall receive a maximum of forty commemorative medals. The commemorative medals shall be presented to the Team, the Club Manager and to any Players and Club Officials the Club think fit, subject always to all Players who have entered the field of play for a minimum of five League Matches being given first priority in order to receive a commemorative medal.

9.4 Only the following individuals are permitted to attend trophy and medal presentations on the field of play or within the technical area:

(a) Players of the respective teams.

(b) Technical staff and Club Personnel.

(c) Club Officials and management.

9.5 To ensure the safety and security of all Participants, and to maintain the integrity of the event, children are not allowed onto the field of play or within the technical area during trophy and medal presentations. This rule applies regardless of the relationship to any player, technical staff, or club official.

## 10. Force Majeure

10.1 In the event that the GFL cannot be completed and must be concluded prematurely, it shall be declared null and void unless a Team has already secured first place in the standings on a mathematical basis and cannot be overtaken by any other Team regardless of the outcome of remaining Matches.

## 11. Promotion and Relegation

11.1 Unless otherwise advised by the GFA, there shall be no strict promotion or relegation of any Club or Team to – or from – the GFL.

## 12. Inability to Field a Team for a Match

12.1 In the event that a Club is unable to field a team for a Match, the following procedure will be adhered to:

(a) The Club must notify the GFA in writing via email no later than 72 hours prior to the applicable League Match explaining the reasons for its inability to field a team and formally requesting a postponement (to be accompanied with such applicable documentary evidence).

(b) The GFA will, in its sole discretion, proceed to decide whether or not there are exceptional circumstances present which warrant rescheduling of the League Match in question and communicate the decision to the Club by electronic mail within 24 hours of receiving the Club's initial request.

12.2 In the event that the GFA determines that the applicable Match should be postponed, the GFA will provide a new date for the postponed League Match and shall inform the relevant Clubs within 24 hours of such decision being taken.

12.3 In the event that the GFA determines that the applicable Match should not be postponed and the Club remains unable to field a team, 3 points will be awarded to the opposing Club in the Match in question, and shall be awarded a win by a margin of three goals to zero (3 – 0). Disciplinary Sanctions may follow thereafter to the Club that does not field a team in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

12.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing provisions of this regulation 12 shall not be applicable to a Club's inability to field a team as a result of a Covid-19 related issue. Such scenario shall be delt with in accordance with the GFA Covid-19 Protocol as amended from time to time.

13. **Team Sheets**

13.1 Prior to every Match played, each competing Club shall accurately insert and complete the details of their Team for that Match on the COMET system. The particulars to be provided shall be uploaded onto the COMET system by no later than 1 hour prior to kick-off, and shall include:

(a) a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of eleven (11) starting Players (with corresponding shirt numbers, and of which at least three (3) must be Gibraltar Eligible Players);

(b) a maximum of nine (9) substitutes (with corresponding shirt numbers); and

(c) a maximum of seven (7) Club Officials who fulfil the followings roles:

(i) the registered Head Coach (mandatory);

(ii) the registered Assistant Head Coach (mandatory);

(iii) physiotherapist or GFA accredited sports therapist (mandatory);

(iv) physical trainer;

(v) doctor;

(vi) team delegate (mandatory); and

(vii) applicable coaching staff.

13.2 For the avoidance of doubt, only the personnel listed in rule 13.1 above named on the team sheet are permitted in the Technical Area. A breach of this rule shall result in a fine in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

13.3 In the event that a Team does not complete or submit the details of their Team Sheet for their Team on the COMET system by the specified deadline as per Rule 13.1, that Team shall not be allowed to play that Match, and such failure will result in disciplinary action against that Team in accordance with the GFA's Disciplinary Regulations.

However, if the omission is related to a Club Official the Team may still be allowed to play, but disciplinary measures (such as fines or warnings) may apply.

13.4 Any player not named on the Team Sheet submitted by the deadline set out in rule 13.1 will be considered ineligible to participate in the Match. Any participation by in the Match by such an ineligible player shall constitute Misconduct and shall result in disciplinary action being commenced against the offending Team and/or ineligible player, as per the GFA's Disciplinary Regulations (including, without limitation, the award of a forfeit against the offending Team).

13.5 Unless otherwise permitted by these GFL Rules, no changes will be allowed to team sheets uploaded on the COMET system within 1 hour of kick-off of the applicable Match.

13.6 To the extent that there is an injury to one of the starting Players, a named substitute may replace the injured Player in the starting line-up only. Said named substitute may not in turn also be replaced by an additional Player.

13.7 The GFA shall use its best endeavours to ensure that the information provided for COMET is correct, accurate and up to date at all times. In the event of any human error and/or data processing, Clubs are nevertheless reminded that it is the sole responsibility of each Club to keep a record of any active Cautions, Dismissals and other applicable Disciplinary Sanctions imposed on the Club (including the Team, Players, Club Officials and Club Personnel), and ensure that the necessary information provided in each team sheet is correct and accurate and that the listed Players and Club Officials are eligible to participate in accordance with the rules and regulation of this GFA Handbook and the GFA Statutes.

13.8 Match Officials will check each team sheet prior to each Match.

13.9 A Team will be allowed to substitute up to five Players in a Match, but said substitutions must be effected within three substitution opportunities (excluding half-time).

## 14. Checking of Identity

14.1 Players and Club Officials named in the team sheet are obliged to have with them the GFA identity card.

14.2 The GFA identity card of all persons listed on a team sheet may be inspected by a Match Official prior to kick-off.

14.3 In the event that a Player is not able to provide his GFA identity card, the Player will not be allowed to play or sit in the Technical Area. In the case of a Club Official, they will not be permitted to sit in the Technical Area.

14.4 The burden of proof as to the identity of a Player or Club Official participating in a Match shall rest with the Player and/or Club Official whose identity is being questioned by a Match Official or the GFA.

## 15. Gibraltar Eligible Player Rule

15.1 In any Match, a Team must have a minimum of 3 Gibraltar Eligible Players on the field of play at all times expect as set out herein.

15.2 If a Team is found not to have complied with regulation 15.1 above, the Match will be declared a forfeit against the Team in breach of this rule, and will be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

15.3 If during a Match, a Team has exhausted its five permitted Match substitutions and is found to be in breach of regulation 15.1 above as a result of injury or illness, then regulation 15.1 will not apply and the Match shall continue notwithstanding the breach of said rule.

15.4 Subject to regulation 15.5 below, if during a Match, a Team has not yet exhausted its five permitted Match substitutions and is in breach of regulation 15.1 as a result of injury or illness, then regulation 15.1 will be temporarily disapplied.

15.5 The exception set out in regulation 15.4 shall only apply for as long as it takes for the applicable Gibraltar Eligible Player in question to complete any preparations or warming up exercises prior to their admission on to the field of play. Unless otherwise instructed otherwise by a Match Official, under no circumstances must that Gibraltar Eligible Player take more than 5 minutes to enter the field of play.

15.6 In the event that a Gibraltar Eligible player is dismissed during a match, resulting in the team having less than the required number of Gibraltar Eligible players on the field as specified in 15.1, the team will not be obligated to make a substitution to comply with this requirement. The team will be permitted to continue playing with an equivalent number of fewer Gibraltar Eligible players as Gibraltar Eligible players dismissed, for the remainder of the match without facing a breach of the Gibraltar Eligible Player Rule.

## 16. Intermediate League Feeder Player Rule

16.1 Players registered to play in a Team competing in the GFA Intermediate League may play in the GFL in accordance with the Intermediate League Rules.

## 17. Gibraltar Football League Players playing in the Intermediate League

17.1 All Gibraltar Eligible Players (except for those born prior to 2001) are eligible to play for their respective Clubs in the Intermediate League for an unlimited number of times.

17.2 All other Players must only play for their respective Club's Intermediate League Team a maximum of five (5) times. After this limit is reached, the Player is either:

(a) transferred permanently to the Club's Intermediate League Team, subject always to compliance with GFL squad quotas as set out in Schedule 7 in this GFA Handbook; or

(b) retained in the GFL squad for the remainder of the season.

17.3 Players transferred permanently to a Club's Intermediate League Team in accordance with 17.2(a) above must not play for the GFL Team again in the same season.

17.4 Players retained in the GFL Team in accordance with 17.2(b) above must not play in the Intermediate League Team for the remainder of the season.

## 18. Club Manager Qualifications

18.1 In order to be eligible to coach and/or manage a Team in the GFL, Club Managers must hold one of the following minimum coaching qualifications:

(a) a valid UEFA A coaching licence (If the Team holds a UEFA Club Licence for the 2025/26 season);

(b) a valid UEFA B coaching licence (If the Team holds a Domestic Club Licence for the 2025/26 season);

(c) Valid UEFA recognition of competence equivalent to the licence required under a) above; or

(d) have commenced an education course in pursuance of obtaining either of the diplomas in (a) or (b) above. Simple registration required for either diploma is not sufficient for the purposes of these Football League Rules.

18.2 In order to be eligible to act as an assistant coach and/or assistant to a Club Manager to a Team in the GFL, such individual must hold one of the following minimum coaching qualifications:

(a) a valid UEFA B coaching licence (If the Team holds a UEFA Club Licence for the 2025/26 season);

(b) A valid UEFA Level 2 Award in Coaching Football; (If the Team holds a Domestic Club Licence for the 2025/26 season);

(c) Valid UEFA recognition of competence equivalent to the licence required under a) above; or

(d) have commenced an education course in pursuance of obtaining either of the diplomas in (a) or (b) above. Simple registration required for either diploma is not sufficient for the purposes of these Football League Rules.

## 19. Match Ball Requirements

19.1 The GFA will provide the Match balls to be used for each League Match.

19.2 On Match day, the Match Officials will provide up to five Match balls for any given League Match.

19.3 Club Officials from both Teams shall confirm the number of Match balls provided prior to kick-off, and shall ensure that these are returned to the Match Officials or relevant GFA Personnel at the end of the game

19.4 In the event that a Match ball is lost and/or destroyed during a League Match, both Teams shall agree to evenly pay the costs associated with the replacement of the lost and/or destroyed Match ball within 7 days.

19.5 To the extent that the loss and/or destruction of a Match ball arises from a deliberate act by one Player, Team and/or Club, the Player, Team and/or Club responsible for such an act will pay the cost in full. The GFA will in its sole discretion determine whether an act is to be construed as deliberate.

## 20. Match Officials

20.1 All League Matches will be administered and policed by Match Officials in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the GFA Referee Regulations as amended from time to time.

20.2 Match Officials will always wear lime kits at all matches unless there is a colour clash with one of the teams.

20.3 In the event of a colour clash between the Match Officials' lime kit and a team's kit, the Match Officials shall wear an alternative-coloured kit for that match.

## 21. Advertising

21.1 Players (including substitutes), Club Officials and anyone sitting in the Technical Area or forming part of the team sheet must not advertise Clothing and Football Boots during the period of a League Match.

21.2 The advertising of tobacco products is strictly prohibited.

21.3 The appearance or incorporation of any distasteful, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting, discriminatory, racial, or other ethically or morally offensive message, or any political message on any item of Clothing or Football Boots is prohibited. A Player removing his shirt to reveal slogans, personal statements or for the purposes of advertising will be sanctioned by the GFA in a way that is deemed reasonable and proportionate and in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

21.4 The Club's name and emblem may appear on Football Boots (including initials, nickname or trademark registered by the Club, or any combination of such) without restriction.

21.5 The Club's name and emblem (including initials, nickname or trademark registered by the Club, or any combination of such), may appear:

(a) only once on the front of the shirt, providing it does not exceed an area of one hundred (100) square centimetres;

(b) only once anywhere on the shorts, providing it does not exceed an area of fifty (50) square centimetres; and

(c) only once on each sock, providing it does not exceed an area of fifty (50) square centimetres.

21.6 On Football Boots, the establish mark, logo, name, or model/style of Football Boots or their manufacturer, or any combination of the same, may appear without restriction.

21.7 On Clothing, the establish mark, logo, name, or model/style of Football Boots or their manufacturer, or any combination of the same, may appear once:

(a) on the shirt and on the shorts provided it is an area no greater than twenty (20) centimetres;

(b) on each of the goalkeeper's gloves, and on a goalkeeper's cap, provided such does not exceed an area of twenty (20) centimetres;

(c) on each of an outfield Player's gloves provided such does not exceed an area of twenty (20) square centimetres;

(d) on the front and back on any shirt or any other item of clothing worn under the shirt provided such does not exceed an area of twenty (20) square centimetres and this is not visible outside the playing shirts during the period of the League Match;

(e) on undershorts work under playing shorts provided such does not exceed an area of twenty (20) square centimetres and this is not visible outside the applying shorts during the period in the League Match.

21.8 On Football Boots, a Player's shirt number may appear on his boots without restriction.

21.9 On Clothing, a Player's shirt number must be clearly legible and positioned in the centre of the back of the shirt. The number should be between twenty (20) and thirty-five (35) centimetres in heights. The number may also appear on the front of the Player's shorts which must correspond with the number on the shirt. The number on the shorts should be between ten (10) and fifteen (15) centimetres in height.

21.10 The officially designated logo or name of the GFL or combination of the same may appear once only on each of the Player's shirt numbers providing the logo, name or combination does not exceed an area of twenty (20) square centimetres. No other advertising or other marking is allowed on a Player's shirt number.

21.11 On Football Boots, a Player's name, including any appropriate nickname or initials may appear without restriction. Other names, places, appropriate nicknames or numbers of

personal significance to that Player may also appear on that Player's Football Boots without restriction.

21.12 On Clothing, the name of the Player may appear on the back of shirts or tracksuits. The height of the lettering must not be greater than seven-and-a-half (7.5) centimetres.

## 22. Sponsor Designations

22.1 Advertising of sponsors is not permitted and must not appear anywhere on Club and/or Team Clothing or Other Equipment unless the GFA has provided approval in writing.

22.2 Once approved by the GFA, the following advertising of sponsorship by Clubs on the field of play is permitted:

(a) on the Clothing of a Player on the field of play, but subject to the following requirements:

(i) one single area not exceeding two hundred (200) centimetres on the front of the shirt;

(ii) one single area not exceeding one hundred (100) centimetres on the back of the shirt;

(iii) one single area not exceeding one hundred (100) centimetres on the back of the shorts;

(iv) one single area not exceeding one hundred (100) centimetres on the left sleeve of the shirt;

(v) one badge of the Club on the right side of the shirt.

(b) On Clothing in the Technical Area, advertising may appear on items of Clothing other than the Clothing of the Player on the field of play during a League Match in accordance with the size and locations set out in regulation 22.2(a) above.

(c) The advertising carried on the Clothing worn by Players and Club Officials in the Technical Area can be either:

(i) the same sponsor(s) as worn on the playing kit of the Players (applicable to both home and away kits);

(ii) be additional to the sponsors worn on the play kit of the Players (applicable to both home and away kits); or

(iii) a single sponsor that is an official partner of the Club's.

22.3 Clubs may conclude sponsorship arrangements with different sponsors in respect of the advertising permitted by this GFA Handbook for both their home and away kits.

22.4 Advertising may appear on items of training kits in accordance with the size and locations set out in regulation 22.2 (a). Clubs may conclude sponsorship arrangements with different sponsors in respect of their training kit and home and away kits.

22.5 A sponsor of the GFL will have exclusive market share of sponsorship rights of the GFL. If a Club has already obtained a sponsor in a similar field as the GFL's sponsor then the Club will be able to honour its contractual obligations with that sponsor until the expiry of the contract term.

23. **Player Identification and Strip**

23.1 Before the commencement of each football season, each Club shall allocate a different shirt number to each Player of its Team, and allocate a shirt number to any Player joining the Club and Team during the course of the football season.

23.2 Save with prior written consent of the GFA, shirt numbers may only range between numbers one (1) to ninety-nine (99).

23.3 Shirt numbers must be clearly legible to the referee team, commentators, spectators and TV viewers, in daylight and under floodlights, from at least 50m away.

23.4 Following a Player's departure from a Club, said shirt number shall be surrendered and re-allocated to a new Player.

23.5 When playing in League Matches, each Player shall wear a shirt on the back of which shall be prominently displayed his shirt number and (if so desired by the Club or the Player), above said number, the Player's surname or such other name as may be approved in writing by the GFA.

23.6 The Player's shirt number may also appear on the front of his shorts. If the Player's shirt number is displayed on his shorts it must be clearly legible.

23.7 The colour and design of the Club's shirt, shorts and socks shall be submitted by the Club to the GFA by no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the football season. The GFA will then provide its formal approval. This shall apply for Club's home and away kits.

23.8 The colour and design of the shirt, shorts and sock worn by goalkeepers when playing in League Matches shall be such as to distinguish him from the other Players and Match Officials.

23.9 The Team deemed to be playing at home (the Team listed first on the latest available published fixtures) must wear its designated home kit, and the team deemed to be playing away (the Team listed second on the latest available published fixtures) must wear its designated away kit.

23.10 Where the kits of two competing Teams are similar, the Team deemed to be playing as the away Team (the Team listed second on the latest available published fixtures) must change its kit unless alternative arrangements are mutually agreed by the two competing Teams in conjunction with the consent of the Match Officials.

23.11 Teams must input their playing attire onto Comet 48 hours prior to any match.

23.12 The captain of each Team appearing in a League Match shall wear a captain's armband indicating his status as such.

## 24. Disputes, Complaints & Special Requests

24.1 Any dispute or complaint by a Team and/or Club regarding another Team and/or Club must be officially reported to the GFA within 48 hours from the date and time of such facts or events giving rise to said dispute or complaint, and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations in this GFA Handbook.

24.2 With regards to requests for a one minute silence prior to a League Match, this shall only be permitted under the following circumstances:

(a) a national or international tragic event;

(b) a national event;

(c) a demonstration of respect for the death of individuals who have contributed to the game of football in Gibraltar or internationally;

(d) the death of a Player or Club Official.

## 25. Breach of GFL Rules

25.1 Any breach of these GFL Rules will be dealt with by the GFA's Disciplinary Control Unit in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulation in this GFA Handbook.

25.2 The GFA may also take any action necessary to address any breaches which may not be adequately addressed under the Disciplinary Regulations providing that such actions are reasonable and proportionate.

## 26. Cooling/Drinks Breaks

26.1 For all matches in the GFL, cooling or drinks breaks may be implemented if high temperatures are expected. The match official or a designated GFA Personnel will assess the temperature using online weather applications and/or a digital wet bulb globe temperature thermometer. This measurement should be taken at the end of the teams' warm-up.

26.2 If the temperature exceeds 30C, cooling breaks will be implemented by the match official, as per the applicable laws of the game. Any other drinks breaks when the temperature is below those thresholds remain at the discretion of the referee.

**Schedule 6 GFL Clubs**

1. The following list comprises the names of the Clubs eligible to participate and compete in the GFL 2025/26:

1. College 1975 FC
2. Europa FC
3. Europa Point FC
4. FCB Magpies
5. FC Hound Dogs
6. Glacis United FC
7. Lincoln Red Imps FC
8. Lions Gibraltar FC
9. Lynx FC
10. Manchester FC
11. Mons Calpe FC
12. St Joseph's FC

**Schedule 7 GFL Squad Quotas**

1. The following table sets out the applicable squad quotas for the purposes of the GFL Rules.

| ***Non- Gibraltar Eligible Players*** | ***Gibraltar Eligible Players*** | ***Total Permitted*** |
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